

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for one's fellow man; and,

*Whereas*, Gary Lipp is the Fire Management Officer of the Black Hills National Forest, Hell Canyon Ranger District, and is retiring after 39 years of service; and,

*Whereas*, Gary embodies the courage, devotion to duty, and love of public service that inspires many in the firefighting community across South Dakota; and,

*Whereas*, Gary is a man who was trained to be a school teacher and instead became a leader and teacher of young firefighters through 39 fire seasons in the Black Hills; and,

*Whereas*, Gary exhibits the highest standards of the fire service in supporting and working with the state of South Dakota's Division of Wildland Fire, other federal and state agencies, and the many tireless volunteer firefighters who protect our homes every day; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of his retirement:


*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 25, 2008, as

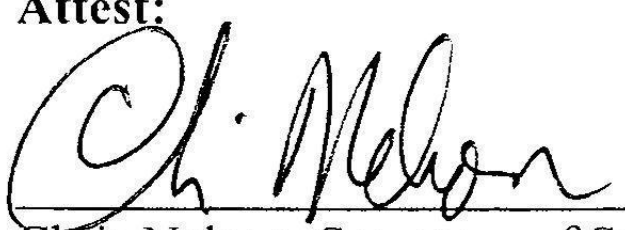
*GARY LIPP DAY*

in South Dakota.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

  
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M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:  
  
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Chris Nelson, Secretary of State